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DUAL MODE READER / TAG ARCHITECTURE

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## Dual Mode Reader / Tag Architecture

### *Background*

The growth and diversity of RFID applications is progressing at an exponential rate. The existing RFID system concepts, based on isolated Reader and Tag functionality, do not necessarily provide the optimum system level solution for an ever-increasing diversity of application areas. Many of these emerging application areas may require each element within the RFID system to possess dual mode Reader / Tag functionality, analogous to the transceiver functionality that exists within radio transmission equipment today.

Several technical problems need to be addressed to realise a dual mode Reader / Tag functionality. Firstly, for a dual antenna solution, close proximity of the antennas will result in interference between the antennas. This effect is especially acute for proximity or vicinity coupled RFID where the coupling mechanism is magnetic. The solution to this problem would involve either positioning the antennas at mutual magnetic nulls, or including an enable/disable function for the Reader antenna. Both of these solutions are likely to result in increased complexity, cost and size of the dual mode solution. Secondly, for a single antenna solution, the inherently different properties of the Reader and Tag antennas could result in range reduction due to insufficient modulation depth depending on the design of the antenna. The following sections outline the IRT proposed solution for a single antenna dual mode Reader / Tag functionality. The IRT proposed solution achieves maximum range performance, with minimal increase in circuit complexity, without a significant size or cost penalty compared to a conventional single mode Reader / Tag system.

### *Proposed Solution Operational Overview*

An example proposed solution is illustrated in Figure 1. In Reader mode the switch, or other control element, is set to connect the driver stage with the antenna, or antennas, as in a conventional Reader configuration. In Tag mode (which could be the default condition) the switch, or other control element, is temporarily set to connect the antenna, or antennas, with the phase detector, or other receiving circuitry. This enables, for example, the internal VCO to be phase locked to the incoming signal. Once phase lock has been detected using lock detect the sample and hold is enabled and the switch toggled back to the Reader mode. This enables the controller to generate a transmit signal using the modulator, driver and AGC loop. Modulation of the incoming signal is achieved by phase and amplitude control of the transmit signal, set to either cause destructive or constructive interference with the incoming signal at the antenna, or antennas. The transmit signal is isolated from the phase detector, or receiving circuitry using the switch, or control element. Once the transmit burst has been sent

the switch, or control element can then be toggled back into Tag mode and the cycle repeats until transmit signals have been generated in response to all incoming signals.

### ***Benefits of Proposed Solution***

The example proposed solution has a major benefit over conventional passive Tag operation. With a conventional passive Tag the modulation depth is limited by the energy of the incoming signal. With the proposed solution this limitation is removed, as the modulation depth is dependent on the energy that can be generated by the driver stage, which is independent of any external signals or circuitry.

The example proposed solution may also be used with other forms of antenna or multiple antennas, and other coupling mechanisms, such as far field electromagnetic, acoustic, optical etc.

Other examples of the proposed solution would include but are not limited to,

- Injection Locking receiving circuitry
- Parametric amplifying receiving circuitry
- Delay lock loop receiving circuitry

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1. A Reader architecture than can emulate TAG functionality.
2. A dual mode Reader / Tag architecture using a phase locking technique for the Tag mode of operation.
3. A dual mode Reader / Tag architecture where Tag modulation depth is independent of the energy of the incoming Reader signal.

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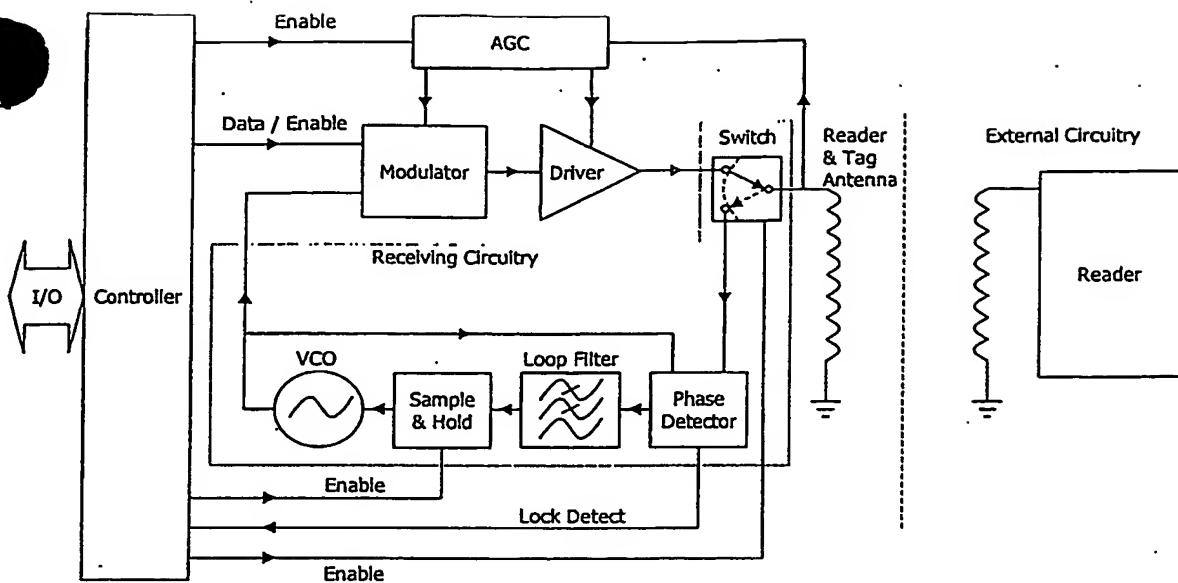
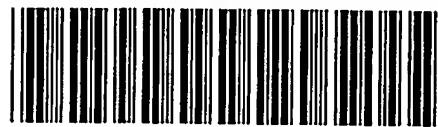


Figure 1: IRT Dual Mode Reader / Tag Solution

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